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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The following is a preliminary amendment that is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a Divisional Application.

Attorney Docket No.: 15162/01321 Preliminary Amendment Accompanying Divisional Utility Application of Co-Pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/456,184 Dated October 31, 2003

Amendment to the Title appears on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification appear on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Comments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Prior to the examination of the above-identified divisional application, filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE:

Please amend the title as follows:

PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR AND DRIVING APPARATUS THEREOF